



NEWS NOTES

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Literary Map of Maine

The Portland newspapers have agreed to work with SMLD libraries on a “**Literary Map of Maine.**” The Maine map will be based on a “Literary Map of Manhattan” that appeared in the New York Times in 2005; it will feature actual Maine places that are mentioned in adult and children’s books. Plans include a map printed in the newspaper, and an online version with links to library catalogs and other useful sites. How will books be selected? **Maine Sunday Telegram readers** will submit suggestions which will be reviewed by a steering committee of authors, bookstore owners and university faculty. The committee is working with Paul D’Alessandro of the Portland Public Library, SMLD consultant Shirley Helfrich, the SMLD Public Relations Committee, and newspaper staff. Watch for an article in the Telegram this spring.

New! Online Registration for All SMLD Meetings

Please register for all SMLD programs and workshops on the statewide WebJunction Community Calendar - <http://evanced.info/maine/evanced/eventcalendar.asp>. It’s easy and it’s fun. As soon as information appears on the calendar with a registration form, you are welcome to register.

IMPORTANT: No registration flyers will be mailed for the SMLD Spring Council Meeting May 23. Please register online.

Library Trustee Issues

When is it a good idea to hire a consultant? Who is responsible if an incident occurs in the library? Should a small library accept a donation of valuable paintings? Who is really in charge of library building plans and projects? Public library trustees are invited to attend one of the **regional trustee meetings** being held during May from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. Two meetings will be held in the Southern District -- May 8 at the Springvale Public

Library and May 21 at the Casco Public Library. All trustee chairs and library directors will receive written notice of the meeting agenda, dates, and sites. Trustees from Blue Hill, Bridgton, Poland, Waldoboro, and Waterville have been working with the Maine Library Trustee Association and the District Consultants to plan the meetings and update the MLTA website. See the **trustee newsletter** in the box on the Maine Library Association website <http://mainelibraries.org/>. Funding for these trustee projects is provided through a New Century Community grant.

SMLD Spring Council Meeting University of Southern Maine Portland Campus Friday, May 23, 2008 “Information for Everyone: The Changing Face of Reference”

Print reference collections are dwindling, patrons are turning to Google instead of MARVELL, reference areas are being redesigned, and staff need new training to deal with reference issues.

Guest speaker Prof. Jim Kelley from the University of Massachusetts will provide some thought-provoking ideas, followed by a panel of SMLD librarians from public, school, special and medical libraries.

In addition, five workshops will be offered about reference techniques, collections, and trainings. All participants will receive a copy of the newly-revised “Bare Bones List of Reference Sources for Small and Medium-Sized Maine Public Libraries.”

All staff members are welcome to attend the meeting.

Fee: \$25 includes buffet lunch

Registration is online only – no flyers will be mailed! See the complete program, registration form, and directions on the statewide calendar – May 23
<http://evanced.info/maine/evanced/eventcalendar.asp>

SMLD IT Group Discusses New Technologies

IT librarians met at the newly-renovated Walker Memorial Library in Westbrook Feb.28 to discuss pros and cons of various scanners, software, and other technology issues. Member Graham Wakefield has created a **listserv** to enhance communication. The **next meeting will be held Thursday May 1 at the Parsons Memorial Library in Alfred.**

Historical Society Expands

Construction on a **\$9 million building project** for the Maine Historical Society Library is underway with anticipated **completion in spring 2009.** The funding campaign has raised \$7.5 million including \$1 million from an anonymous donor, and has been awarded a \$400,000 Challenge Grant from the Kresge Foundation.

The MHS Library -- one of the largest and most comprehensive Maine collections in the state -- is home to the Maine Memory Network www.mainememory.net, a nationally recognized statewide digital museum.

Heading the project are **Boston architects Schwartz /Silver**, noted for renovations of the Abbe Museum in Bar Harbor, Lewiston Public Library, and the Boston Athenaeum. For further information, go to http://www.mainehistory.org/library_renovation.shtml

Library Makeovers

Maine Regional Library System staff will continue working with the New Hampshire firm of Tucker Library Group and volunteers on this year's "Library Makeovers." These one day Makeovers are open to public libraries in towns with fewer than 7500 people. To apply, fill out the brief application and send photos of the area in need of a Makeover. Makeover dates for this year are scheduled from May through August. A \$200 stipend will be given to each of five selected libraries to help with furniture and equipment purchases. Further information: <http://www.maine.gov/msl/smlld/services/librarymakeovers.htm>

Banners, Banners, Banners!

Available for loan from the SMLD Office:

- Three National Library Week banners for interior displays and exhibits. Made of felt with felt letters. #s 1 & 2: 24 ft. long, #3: small banners for display case.

- MARVEL! 2' x 6' with grommets for hanging inside or outside
- MaineLibraries – Something for Everyone: 2' x 6' with grommets for hanging inside or outside.

MARVEL Exhibit at PPL

Yes that IS **Tim Sample**, Maine comedian, writer and great supporter of MARVEL! databases!

In addition to appearing on a MARVEL! DVD with Rockport librarian Molly Larson, Mr. Sample also agreed to model for

a photo shoot with Kennebunkport portrait photographer Liam Crotty. Life-size (well – almost!) cut-outs of Tim will be used for MARVEL! library exhibits. During the month of April, see Tim's image in a glass case featuring MARVEL! in the Portland Public Library entrance.



ARRC News

Portland Public Library announced the public launch of the Capital Campaign's community portion in late March. Fundraising efforts have produced 75% of needed funds for the building renovation.

Architect Scott Simons, AIA, has been selected for the renovation project. Simons has over 25 years of professional experience and is involved in all phases of project development, ranging from strategic master planning and conceptual design to construction documentation and administration. Mr. Simons has won design awards for residential and institutional projects.

Portland Public Library now **lends AV items via Interlibrary Loan.** ILL Librarian Rita Gorham says "We encourage libraries to ask for AV items by using MaineCat, or OCLC (where our symbol is "PPN") **or just go directly to our own PPL on-line forms at www.portlandlibrary.com/ill/ill.htm.** Use the form for "books" because these are items you want to borrow and return. AV items circulate for 4 weeks, with 2 renewals possible – the same as books. SMLD librarians should **feel free to ask for ANY AV item**, even if PPL does not own it, because we will request items we do not have in our collection via OCLC. Call (207-871-1735) or e-mail the ILL Office (ill@portland.lib.me.us) at Portland Public if you have any questions."

Cape Elizabeth Receives Award

Children's Librarian Rachel Davis will receive a \$1,000 honorarium at the American Library Association Conference in California in June for the library's "Lonely Books Club" program. The Thomas Memorial Library in Cape Elizabeth is receiving the national **EBSCO Excellence in Small and/or Rural Public Library Service Award**, given annually by the Public Library Association to just one public library that serves a population of 10,000 or less. Davis' original program encourages children to read award-winning and notable children's books that have not circulated more than two times in the last five years. Begun in April 2007, the club currently has over 60 active members ranging in age from 7 to 14 who read books from a list of over 400 "Lonely Books" – books with worn covers or an outdated appearance. More than two-thirds of the Lonely Books have been read since the program began.

Comments like these are typical: "I learned not to judge a book by its cover" or "I looked at books that seemed boring but then I read them and found out that they weren't so boring."

FMI: 799-1720 or rdavis@thomas.lib.me.us

People

New appointments

Jo Adamo, Circulation Librarian, Merrill Memorial Library, Yarmouth

Lynn Bivens, Reference and Information Literacy Librarian, St. Joseph's College, Standish (formerly Reference Librarian/Assistant Director, Walker Memorial Library, Westbrook)

Janet Cate, Adult Services/Assistant Library Director, Kennebunk Free Library

Kevin Davis, Director, South Portland Public Library (formerly South Portland Library Branch Manager)

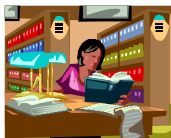
Nissa Lohrmann, Tech Services/Systems Librarian, Merrill Memorial Library, Yarmouth

Maime Anthoine Ney, Director, South Berwick Public Library (formerly Assistant Director/Adult Services Librarian, Kennebunk Free Library)

Kerry Rasmussen, Tech Services Assistant, Merrill Memorial Library, Yarmouth

Susan Sinnott, Director, William Fogg Library, Eliot

Vicky Smith, Children's Book Review Editor, Kirkus Reviews, New York, NY (formerly Director, McArthur Public Library, Biddeford)



Lisa Wojcik, Librarian, Long Creek Youth Development Center, South Portland (formerly Children's Librarian, Walker Memorial Library, Westbrook)

Resignation

Meteena Edwards, Naples Public Library



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| April 17 | Reading Round-Up of Children's & YA Literature. Augusta Civic Center. Keynote: Pat Feehan, USC |
| April 25 | Public Library Directors [Loose Librarians]. Casco Public Library, 9 a.m. |
| May 6 | Meeting for School Librarians. Yarmouth Middle School, 3-5 p.m. "Face Lifts on a Shoestring" (sharing session) |
| May 14 | SMLD Children's & YA Book Review. Portland Public Library, 9:30 a.m. – Noon |
| May 23 | SMLD Spring Council Meeting. University of Southern Maine, Portland, 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. "Information for Everyone: The Changing Face of Reference and Information Services" |
| May 28 | Meeting for Children's Librarians. York Public Library, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. "MARVEL and WebJunction Resources for Children's Staff" |
| June 9 | Special Orientation for New Public Library Directors. Maine State Library, 9:45 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. |
| June 10 | Public Library Directors Institute. Augusta Civic Center, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. |
| June 11 | SMLD Children's & YA Book Review. Portland Public Library, 9:30 a.m. – Noon |
| June 13 | Annual SMLD Board Meeting. Wells Reserve |

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